

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for total consideration given the present application. Claims 6-9 and 15-20 are currently pending. Applicant appreciates that the previous arguments filed on November 13, 2007 were found persuasive. However, claims 6-9 and 15-20 now stand rejected under a new ground(s) of rejection. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims in light of the remarks presented herein, and earnestly seek timely allowance of all pending claims.

Double Patenting

The sole outstanding issue of the present application is the Examiner's obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 6-9 and 15-20 of the present application based on claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,762,776 (hereinafter "the '776 patent"). Applicant herewith files a Terminal Disclaimer, thereby rendering this rejection as moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the double patenting rejection of claims 6-9 and 15-20, based on the '776 patent.

Conclusion

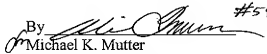
In view of the above remarks, it is believed that all pending claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Ali M. Imam Reg. No. 58,755 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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